

Vermont Daily Transcript.

MONDAY, JUNE 8, 1868.

The Fenians.

Two years ago our quiet town was suddenly made the scene of world-wide interest by the advent of the right wing of an army before unknown to the world, the army of the Fenian Brotherhood. There was something so quiet, so determined, so orderly in the movement, so far as it was exhibited to the public, that people who laughed at first at the idea of the taking Canada by bands from the United States, could but admire the courage and the evident discipline and organization which the movement exhibited. That such men as O'Neill, Sweeney, Spear, and others, well skilled in military matters, should embark in such a demonstration, was a pledge of the earnestness and sincerity of the Fenian movement, no matter how hopeless it appeared to the dispassionate looker on. The effort of that time proved that the Fenians had a grand object in view, and men of ability, who could ill afford to "play" conquest, to lead and control.

Now, when there are stronger indications than there were previous to the movement of 1866, that there is an intention again to attack the English province, some of our papers and people put on the look of the incredulous, and are disposed only to believe when the event shall come. We do not pretend to question or convince such wisdom, nor do we say that there is not a fair chance for doubt in the public mind; for the Fenian movement at best is anomalous. But the facts remain that there still is an active Fenian organization; that it has been the source of constant trouble even in Ireland, and under the eye of the strong military power there; and that there is a constant look-out from Canada, and expectation there, in Government circles, of another Fenian invasion. A Canadian paper, *La Minerve*, of the 5th instant, says: "The Government learns by private letters and secret information that the Fenians are really preparing to invade Canada at an early day; that the movement is to take place simultaneously on the whole border; and that several canons have passed Burlington going towards Rouse's Point; also, that the Fenians are arriving on every point in small bands."

Now the fears of the government of Canada may be, as very likely its information is, exaggerated; but it is to be presumed that the government is fairly posted through its spies, or there would not be the activity displayed in military affairs which has really appeared. So that, judging from the action of the Canadian authorities, we are justified in believing that a movement has been and probably is contemplated. To add to this, in our own minds, and strengthen the conviction that an invasion has not only been contemplated but determined upon—whether now, in view of Canadian preparations, temporarily abandoned or not, of course we cannot say—is the information which has come to us in a way quite worthy of credit. We believe that an invasion of Canada by the Fenians has been and is contemplated. Whether it is now intended that it shall come off this summer or another we are not "posted" sufficiently to say. That it has been intended to come off this summer, and within this month, we have reason to believe. We claim no special gift of prophecy in the matter, but only the common ability to judge from the supposed facts which came to our knowledge, just as the Government of Canada has judged. But if an invasion takes place, it will be one not to end so tamely as the one of 1866, and one which will be likely to lead this country into serious complications we think. The Fenian question is one to be looked at as necessarily affecting ourselves. The stronger it may be in its hostile initiation, the more it will be likely to affect our interests as well as those of Canada. Its success, whatever may be the intention of its leaders, could have but one end, which may be easily inferred; its defeat would be an aggravation of unpleasantness with the Canadians which we have never courted.

To show the apprehensions which exist along the Canadian frontier, we quote the following from the *Montreal Daily News*, which is not in any sense a sensational paper. It says, under date of June 4th: "As it is, we hear on all hands of farm stock, produce, and valuables being removed inland—of trade in the Townships being at a standstill, and of Montreal houses seeking in vain for a settlement of outstanding claims, against Township retailers. If this goes on for another month disaster must overtake many reputable traders, and many are now invoking either an immediate Fenian 'advance' or the presentation of a decided British ultimatum at Washington—regarding either event as likely to furnish a speedy and satisfactory issue of the afflictions under which trade languishes."

We may say, properly, that there is little credit to be given to the rumors which are flying, of present movements of Fenian squads, &c. If a movement takes place, we shall know it by some sure signs, but not long in advance.

"Have you seen Prangs Chromo? 'Old Oaken Bucket,' 'Falconer and Bride,' at H. Livingston & Sons.

A Pen Picture of Schuyler Colfax in his "Den."

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In what he called his "den" I found Schuyler Colfax some days ago; a little closed room, lighted by one, basement window, under the Capitol. It was a curiosity—show of manuscripts and documents, order reigning through superficial confusion. Here the Speaker hides himself away from pages and harpies, and works unassisted at his speeches, and his correspondence, the latter of itself is a dexterity as great and exciting as any accountant's.

But a light-house never grows old; after a hundred years its flame is youthful as when it began. The pure, unaffected, radiant cheerfulness of Mr. Colfax keeps him as rosy and hopeful as any boy. Here he sits, smoking his cigar, surprised in the midst of a smile, for all his thoughts are good companions.

I took a seat before him, and while he answered some questions I had brought I tried to make out his face and character—a very difficult type was both of them, for a country of which the Speaker is so representative, and yet of a temperament so uncommon.

We are a sober minded people, with lines of thrift and anxiety in our faces, like the marks of whip and burden. We go to law and go to church with the same countenances. We want to make money fast, and on the way and after the end we have remorse, aches, wounded self-esteem, asceticisms. The air, the soil, the worry and the hurry of American life provincialize the American into a hard, repellent, dreadfully earnest man, with a skin, a stomach, and a soul equally dyspeptic.

Out of this population a face grows, now and then, like a cloverhead out of a stock-yard, all freshness and color, and quick to feel the earliest breezes. This is Mr. Colfax. His life is perennial hopefulness, having a good conscience for its compass, and for its last an hourglass. Full of the elasticity of the Empire City, a widow's son, born forty-five years ago, with a parentage reaching back on one side to the Schuylers, on the other to an officer of Washington's body guard. At ten years of age his schooling ceased and he had found a new father. At thirteen he quitted New York and his step-father's store for a home in Indiana. At twenty he was an editor; twelve hundred dollars in debt. At twenty-seven he was a candidate for Congress, already a young widower, made sadder but manlier by a deserved love. At thirty he was a Congressman, as he has been ever since, and three times elected Speaker of the House, the third position in the nation. At the close of this successful career we find neither wealth, efficiency, nor patronage, but good citizenship, faithful public services, steadfast self-respect, and a cheerful temper. It is a quiet career of success under Republican institutions, with steady talents, quick perceptions, and excellent confidence. His model in the State has been Henry Clay, whose manners were like his own, and he confesses to have modelled his speech upon Clay's career as Speaker of the House. "Never hoping," he says, "to reach this high standard, it has ever been before my mind, and the sculptor studies the model of the Great Master of his art." In this position he has never been traduced till of late, when, during the impeachment trial, the majority of the House convicted at certain quarrels, but the Speaker himself has aimed, in his own language, to make all "forgetful of the asperities which should be avoided with the occasion that evokes them."

Mr. Colfax is a member of the Dutch Reformed Church, and total abstinence is one of his private principles. He is a smoker, however, and a loving traveller by foot and stage. His oratory is fervent and florid together, and has served his party handsomely in trying times, while his judgment is guarded, yet decisive as his mode of speech. Of his speeches I have collected some illustrations from various parts of the *Globe*.

Thus he said of the employment of negro troops: "I do not call negro soldiers better than white ones. If I were to express my own opinion it would be that those of my own color are better and braver. For I have always told you, in spite of charges to the contrary, that I believed the Anglo-Saxon race was superior to any other that walk the foot-ool of God."

So he said of moral faithfulness in legislation: "Whether travelling in the valley of humiliation or disaster, or keeping my eye fixed on the heavens I believe God reigns. I don't believe his blessing will fall on the Confederacy. God's ways are sometimes dark, but sooner or later they reach the shining hills of day."

He first announced the Republican platform after the breach with Mr. Johnson, thus: "Let us make haste slowly, and we can then hope that the foundations of our government, when thus reconstructed on the basis of indisputable loyalty, will be as eternal as the stars."

In like manner, on April 10, 1866, when he made mild but manly issue with Johnson, he said of the Civil Rights bill, in the first moment of its enactment: "That law, misrepresented as it has been by its opponents in Congress, will never be repealed, and in the years that are coming, it will be the proudest recollection and the crowning honor of those men who stood up in the national councils, that they gave to that American Magna Charta their cordial support."

He treated in this way a fault of the Democracy. "The new nickname hung at us is 'Radicals.' I had rather be called a Radical than a rebel at any time. I am a Radical for right against wrong; for liberty against slavery, for liberty against slavery, for justice against tyranny—a Radical friend of my country, and a Radical enemy of every later of my native land. I believe in a Radical government of the people, by the people, for the world over, and my sympathies go out toward the Radicals who are trying to institute our free institutions in Greece, Italy, France, Ireland, and Mexico. I wish to see a belt of republics encircle the globe."

Here is another eart passage: "I am for levelling up rather than levelling down. God do so to me, and more also, if I do aught more to crush any man down lower."

In short, this is Mr. Colfax, as described in the words of his pastor and poet of South Bend, his home:

"Thou art the clear,
Persuasive orator of the right; the pure,
Unselfish friend; the changeless, sure,
And genial friend; to many hearts how dear!"
G. A. TOWNSEND.

FENIAN.—A telegraphic despatch from Montreal Friday night said:

Seven hundred soldiers will start for St. Johns to-night. It is not stated why they are being despatched to that point. Three of the pieces of artillery belonging to the Fenian organization have been shipped to Chateauguay Four Corners, and this fact makes it apparent that the raid will take place from that point.

The *Montpelier Daily Journal*, under the head of "Fenian Matters in Vermont," says that one well informed in such matters informs it that "Military companies under talented officers, who have seen active service in our late war, are sworn in for duty, and circles pledged to arm and equip men are formed in every town. A convention will be held in Burlington on June 20th, at which President O'Neill and other distinguished Fenians will be present. Outside of the State of Vermont over fifty regiments have been raised, and quite a number of Generals, of the Union and rebel armies, have volunteered their service."

The *Woodstock Standard* says, that there are now over one hundred and fifty to two hundred men at work on the railroad in that vicinity. The progress being made is very encouraging and whenever ground has been broken the earth has been found remarkably easy to move. Thus it is that fortune favors the brave. Four gangs are at work between the summit and Junction and two or three gangs are engaged this way from the summit. They are after the big cut from both sides.

The Chase Platform.

The N. Y. Sun of June 4 says:

We copy in another column the platform on which it is proposed that Chief Justice Chase shall run for the Presidency. It appeared originally in the *Harvard*, and from the intimate relations which subsist between the Chief Justice and that journal, its authenticity must be admitted. It is an interesting platform, and covers nearly all questions of vital interest between the two great parties of the country. Its points are as follows:

- I. The States alone have the right of fixing the terms of suffrage.
- II. Congress has no power to keep the rebel States out of the Union, and its doing so is usurpation.
- III. Universal manhood suffrage, and universal amnesty and restoration to political rights of all engaged in the rebellion, are now indispensable.
- IV. Speedy resumption of specie payments, so that greenbacks will be equivalent to gold.
- V. No military trials in time of peace.
- VI. A proper proportion of Southerners in the Cabinet.
- VII. The Judiciary to be independent of Congress.
- VIII. The President has full power to pardon rebels and restore them to political rights. Congressional restriction of this power is usurpation.

This goes over the whole ground pretty thoroughly. It answers the requirements of Mr. Pendleton and his friends perfectly, and puts the bondholder and the ploughholder upon the same level by making greenbacks and gold equivalent to each other, thus satisfying the demands of both Horatio Seymour and Brick Pomeroy at the same time. The only serious defect which we find in this platform is its neglect of our adopted citizens. In this respect the Train platform is a great deal better. It may be, however, that the Chief Justice sees that Mr. Train is so far in advance on this subject that he cannot hope to overtake him. However this may be, and with all our desire to serve the cause of Judge Chase, we are compelled to say that on this subject we are against him and in favor of Train. We wish also that the Chief Justice had omitted from his present manifesto the assertion that he doesn't want the Presidency, and would only take it under the present circumstances of extreme national peril. This sort of talk is played out, besides being ridiculous, and had better be omitted altogether.

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